Labour force in railways

*300. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total labour force in different categories in Railways, zone-wise, during the years ending December 31 in 1998, 1999 and 2000; and

(b) the vacancies occurred and filled-up, category-wise, in each zone during these three years?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Introduction of genetically modified foods

2115. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to develop and introduce genetically modified foods;

(b) whether some countries have strongly opposed entry of Franken Foods into their countries;

(c) whether several West European countries have banned entry of genetically engineered foods;

(d) if so, the reasons for which these countries have clamped entry ban on genetically engineered foods; and

(e) the reasons for India going ahead with introduction of genetically engineered golden rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) to (d) The Government of India has not yet accorded approval for commercial release of any Generally Engineered Food